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### **WANTED: Rightful owners of \$119 million dollars**

*Attorney General Zoeller reminds Hoosiers millions are waiting to be claimed*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Residents in Central Indiana have millions of dollars that's been forgotten - **\$119,589,607.40** to be exact, of which nearly **\$60.7 million** belongs to residents or former residents of Marion County. Attorney General Greg Zoeller stopped by Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis today to talk about the state's unclaimed property program and show people how easy it is to search for and claim what is rightfully theirs.

"In every county around the state Hoosiers have money they have forgotten about or never knew existed. It is my duty to inform Hoosiers how to find and claim it. This money belongs to someone and I'm encouraging people to search for themselves, and their family, friends and neighbors," Zoeller said. "With more than \$350 million waiting to be claimed it is my goal to make sure this money finds its way back to the rightful owners."

Zoeller encouraged all Hoosiers to visit [www.IndianaUnclaimed.com](http://www.IndianaUnclaimed.com) as well as download the new, free mobile application to search for unclaimed property belonging to themselves, friends, relatives or neighbors. Businesses and charities can also have unclaimed property.

Financial institutions and other holders are required annually to turn over the assets of accounts in which there has been no activity for several years, depending on the type of account. Unclaimed property includes investment earnings, insurance proceeds and benefits, wages, and money from savings and checking accounts. Less than one percent of unclaimed assets are tangible, physical items, such as those found in safe-deposit boxes. **It is important to note that unclaimed property does NOT include abandoned vehicles, real estate or other such items.**

In 2011 alone, **303,870 new properties** valued at more than **\$35.6 million dollars** were reported and originate from the 31 county area. This money belongs to residents or former residents of the area or their heirs. The state holds these assets for 25 years after they are reported.

The total value and number of properties added to the Unclaimed Property database in 2011 and the sum of all unclaimed property from 2000 - 2011 from counties in the Central Indiana region are listed below:

County	2011 Property Totals	Total \$ Value added in 2011	Total \$ Value Claimable
Bartholomew	7,565	\$857,229.05	\$2,792,226.29
Blackford	983	\$85,315.83	\$424,111.80
Boone	5,235	\$614,683.12	\$1,634,033.15
Brown	1,343	\$117,018.79	\$382,175.02
Carroll	1,205	\$96,250.29	\$340,114.00
Cass	3,154	\$263,206.09	\$1,266,205.49
Clinton	2,836	\$234,677.84	\$861,439.83
Decatur	2,284	\$273,148.43	\$628,657.62
Delaware	11,579	\$1,019,044.47	\$4,218,203.88
Fayette	1,967	\$206,943.76	\$764,559.41
Fountain	1,531	\$94,131.50	\$488,898.12
Grant	5,768	\$595,112.11	\$2,440,848.55
Hamilton	29,376	\$3,972,153.01	\$9,697,512.91

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Hancock	7,465	\$614,872.74	\$1,547,132.84
Hendricks	12,429	\$1,236,056.75	\$3,162,509.84
Henry	5,352	\$381,362.32	\$1,465,968.81
Howard	8,019	\$826,442.93	\$3,006,089.50
Johnson	16,964	\$1,404,545.06	\$4,159,148.93
Lawrence	4,360	\$527,593.88	\$1,290,064.21
Madison	14,653	\$1,313,471.54	\$5,419,379.72
<b>Marion</b>	<b>117,292</b>	<b>\$16,799,566.51</b>	<b>\$60,652,818.03</b>
Miami	3,298	\$284,410.34	\$1,195,372.39
Monroe	14,601	\$1,689,748.32	\$5,498,052.72
Montgomery	3,542	\$302,965.05	\$1,342,352.36
Morgan	7,181	\$690,770.42	\$1,886,543.14
Owen	1,879	\$160,770.42	\$473,574.80
Putnam	3,205	\$259,711.38	\$883,546.40
Randolph	2,062	\$141,691.60	\$750,184.05
Rush	1,448	\$174,691.60	\$445,237.93
Shelby	4,034	\$331,495.83	\$1,146,791.70
Tipton	1,260	\$103,623.04	\$472,645.66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>303,870</b>	<b>\$35,672,704.02</b>	<b>\$119,589,607.40</b>

In total, the state's unclaimed property database holds more than **\$350 million** in assets. In 2011, the Attorney General's office **returned** more than 77,000 properties totaling more than **\$44.3 million** in unclaimed property. Last year, more than **\$20.8 million** was returned to individuals with last known addresses in the 31 county area including Indianapolis.

Every year, the attorney general is required to advertise the list of unclaimed property turned over to the state during the previous year. The announcements run twice in a two week period in the newspaper closest to the last known address of the property owner.

Below are the listing dates for the Central Indiana region only.

County	Newspaper	Dates of Publication
Bartholomew	<i>Columbus Republic</i>	July 12 & July 22
Blackford	<i>Hartford City Times</i>	July 12 & July 21
Boone	<i>Lebanon Reporter</i>	July 12 & July 21
Brown	<i>Nashville Brown County Democrat</i>	July 11 & July 25
Carroll	<i>Delphi Carroll County Comet</i>	July 11 & July 25
Cass	<i>Logansport Pharos-Tribune</i>	July 12 & July 22
Clinton	<i>Frankfort Times</i>	July 12 & July 21
Decatur	<i>Greensburg Daily News</i>	July 12 & July 21
Delaware	<i>Muncie Star Press</i>	July 12 & July 22
Fayette	<i>Connersville News-Examiner</i>	July 12 & July 21
Fountain	<i>Fountain County Neighbor</i>	July 10 & July 24
Grant	<i>Marion Chronicle</i>	July 12 & July 22
Hamilton	<i>Indianapolis Star News</i>	July 12 & July 26
Hancock	<i>Greenfield Daily Reporter</i>	July 12 & July 21
Hendricks	<i>Hendricks County Flyer</i>	July 11 & July 21
Henry	<i>New Castle Courier Times</i>	July 12 & July 21
Howard	<i>Kokomo Tribune</i>	July 12 & July 22
Johnson	<i>Franklin Daily Journal</i>	July 12 & July 21
Lawrence	<i>Bedford Times-Mail</i>	July 12
Lawrence	<i>Hoosier Times Network</i>	July 22
Madison	<i>Anderson Herald-Bulletin</i>	July 12 & July 22
<b>Marion</b>	<i>Indianapolis Star News</i>	July 12 & July 21
Miami	<i>Peru Tribune</i>	July 12 & July 21
Monroe	<i>Bloomington Herald Times</i>	July 12
Monroe	<i>Hoosier Times Network</i>	July 22

Montgomery	<i>Crawfordsville Journal Review</i>	July 12 & July 21
Morgan	<i>Martinsville Reporter</i>	July 12
Morgan	<i>Hoosier Times Network</i>	July 22
Owen	<i>Spencer Evening World</i>	July 12 & July 20
Putnam	<i>Greencastle Banner Graphic</i>	July 12 and July 21
Randolph	<i>Winchester News Gazette</i>	July 12 & July 21
Rush	<i>Rushville Republican</i>	July 12 & July 21
Shelby	<i>Shelbyville News</i>	July 12 & July 21
Tipton	<i>Tipton County Tribune</i>	July 12 & July 21

A public awareness campaign highlighting where Hoosiers can look for unclaimed property includes newspaper, radio, online and television ads. Also added to the campaign this year is a new, free mobile application that allows Hoosiers to search and begin a claim for unclaimed property free from their iPhone or Android.

The Unclaimed Property database can be searched 24-hours a day, 7 days a week at [www.IndianaUnclaimed.com](http://www.IndianaUnclaimed.com). The Unclaimed Property Division's toll-free number is **1.866.IN.CLAIM (1.866.462.5246)**. This is a free service of the Indiana Attorney General's Office.

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